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No. 1973

S.P. 705

In Senate, February 10, 2022

**An Act To Support Frontline Health Care Workers by Waiving
Professional Licensing Fees**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, CURRY of Waldo, RAFFERTY of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Waiver of professional licensing fees.** Notwithstanding any provision of
3 law to the contrary, professional licensing fees are waived for the following persons for the
4 period from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 and any professional licensing fees paid
5 by such a person for that period must be refunded to that person:

6 1. An emergency medical services person as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
7 Title 32, section 83, subsection 12;

8 2. A registered nurse;

9 3. A licensed practical nurse;

10 4. A respiratory care practitioner as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,
11 section 9702, subsection 6;

12 5. A midwife as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 12501,
13 subsection 6-B; and

14 6. A person associated with the practices in subsections 1 to 5 and who is required to
15 pay a licensing fee professional licensing fee.

16 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to March 1, 2020.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill waives professional licensing fees for emergency medical services persons,
19 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, respiratory care practitioners, midwives and
20 persons associated with those practices for the period from March 1, 2020 to December 31,
21 2022. It requires that any professional licensing fees paid by such a person for that period
22 be refunded to that person.